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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY, a Senator from the State of Vermont.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear Father, bless the families of our Nation.

Yesterday we celebrated Grandparents Day. Thank You for the special calling of grandparents to express esteem, encouragement, and affirmation to their grandchildren. In a very vital way, grandparents are able to communicate Your grace, Your unqualified and unlimited love, and the traits of Your character so needed in children in our culture.

Today we thank You for our own grandparents and all they contributed to our lives. Bless the Senators who have the privilege of being grandparents. Help them to be godly examples of what it means to know, trust, and serve You.

Most of all, Father, we pray for the strengthening of family ties that bind our hearts in love and mutual concern. There is so much in our culture that stretches and tears the fabric of the family. Help parents to put You and their families first in their priorities. May the inter-generational support of grandparents lift their burdens as they reap the blessings of raising children in Your moral and ethical absolutes. Bless the children of our land. Give them Your power to live confident lives. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 9, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. LEAHY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the distinguished senior Senator and grandfather from Nevada.

Mr. REID. That is true; 12 grandchildren, Mr. President, and one on the way.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 1 p.m. today there be 30 minutes of debate on Executive Calendar No. 889, equally divided between the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, the Presiding Officer, and the ranking member, Senator HATCH, or their designees, prior to a 1:30 p.m. vote on the confirmation of a judge.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are going to have a period of morning business until 1 o'clock or shortly thereafter, with the first half of the time under the control of the majority leader and the second half under the control of the Republican leader.

We are going to have a debate at 1 o'clock dealing with the confirmation of Kenneth Marra to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the Homeland Security Act. Under the orders entered last Thursday, Senator THOMPSON will be recognized to offer an amendment. Following that, Senator BYRD will be recognized to offer an amendment. We hope there will be additional rollcall votes today, but we are not certain how long the debate will take on the homeland security amendments that will be offered.

We have a tremendous amount of work to do, and we will discuss that as the week wears on. Tomorrow morning we will go again to the Interior appropriations bill. We have an important vote on that tomorrow. We filed cloture, but in an effort to avoid that vote, there was an agreement made by the two leaders that we would vote on Tuesday morning on the disaster assistance part of the measure that is now before us.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, following which there will be a period of one-half hour, equally divided between the chairman and

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